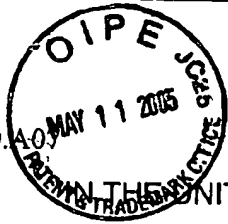


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along with a copy of the Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and a copy of our mailroom date-stamped filing receipts evidencing the filing of the same.

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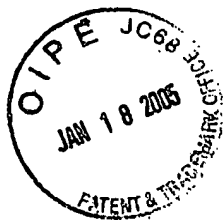
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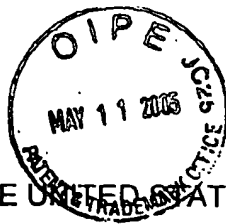
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited in Office Actions that were mailed on December 28, 2004 with respect to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/815,193 and 10/815,194:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,791,441 to NISHI et al., which issued on December 13, 1988;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,451,129 IKARI et al., which issued on May 29, 1984.

Applicant notes that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement;

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- (3) U.S. Patent No. 3,377,427 to FISCHER, which issued on April 9, 1968;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,715,482 to WAKABAYASHI et al., which issued on February 3, 1998;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 4,597,657 to WAKABAYASHI, which issued on July 1, 1986;
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-313790, which was published on November 29, 1996, together with an English language abstract of the same;
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-230263, which was published on August 19, 1994, together with an English language abstract of the same;
- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-254054, which was published on September 25, 1998, together with an English language abstract of the same; and
- (9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-149723, which was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement. Since this publication was already submitted in the previous Information Disclosure Statement, a copy of the same is not submitted herewith. However, since the English-language translation of the present abstract of this publication is from a different source than the previously-submitted translated abstract, Applicant submits herewith a copy of this English-language Abstract.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of documents (6)-(8) and the abstract of (9) are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application;

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Applicant further calls to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0227844 to SAKAMOTO, which was published on November 18, 2004. Applicant notes that while the publication is not prior art to the present application and the claims contained therein are not understandable to the Applicant of the present application, in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §135, Applicant calls this publication to the Examiner's attention in the event that the

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Examiner may determine that any claims therein contain subject matter that is substantially the same as any of the claims of the present application.

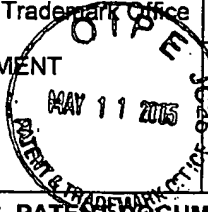
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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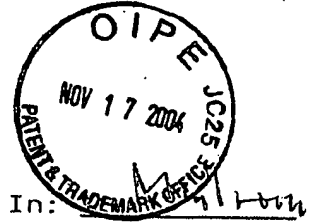
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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	P23700

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

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